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associate, Charles Sumner, the ripe scholar, the incorruptible statesman; the eloquent advocate of a cause which his labors contributed largely to bring to a triumphant conclusion, the abolition of Negro slavery in the United States; the firm philanthropist, proved by more than twenty years of trial in and out of public life; and the ardent patriot, whose labors have ever had for their sole aim the promotion of the greatness and the maintenance of the honor of our common country.

Remarks were then made by Mr. ADAMS, Ex-Governor CLIFFORD, Judge THOMAS, Mr. WATERSTON, and Mr. EDMUND QUINCY; and the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

A serial of the Proceedings of the Society from August to December, 1873, inclusive, was reported as ready for distribution.

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### ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1874.

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, April 9th, at eleven o'clock A.M.; the President in the chair.

The Recording Secretary read the record of the preceding meeting.

The Librarian read his monthly list of donors to the Library.

The President communicated a gift from Mr. Charles P. Curtis, of Boston, of a series of lithographic copies of old maps, prepared to aid in the settlement of the boundary between the States of Virginia and Maryland, for which the thanks of the Society were ordered.

He also read a letter from Captain G. V. Fox, of Lowell, presenting to the Society a copy of the Virginia ordinance of Secession.

A pamphlet of Proceedings, embracing the doings of the meeting on the 16th of December, at the house of Mr. Waterston, was announced as printed; each member, it was added, being entitled to a copy.

An engraving illustrating the proceedings of the colonists relative to the destruction of the Tea was exhibited, having been sent from New York as a unique print.

The President called attention to some letters of John Adams, written to Professor John Winthrop, of Cambridge.\*

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\* These were kindly sent to the Society, on deposit, by our Corresponding Member, Col. John Winthrop, and were gratefully acknowledged. — Eds

dated from Philadelphia, during the years 1775 and 1776. They were referred to Mr. C. F. Adams.

Mr. Sibley sent in for the Library a finely bound copy of his "Harvard Graduates," for which suitable acknowledgments were made.

Sir John Bernard Burke, of Dublin, Ireland, was elected a Corresponding Member.

Dr. ROBBINS submitted his Memoir of the late William Brigham. (See page 280.)

The doings of the Annual Meeting were now entered upon.

The Annual Reports of the Standing Committee, the Librarian, the Treasurer, and the Cabinet-keeper, were severally read and accepted; the Committee on the Treasurer's account certifying to its correctness. They are here printed.

#### *Report of the Standing Committee.*

The last Annual Meeting of this Society took place on the 10th of April, after an entire renovation had been effected in this building, from its foundation upward. That occasion was in itself an eventful epoch in the history of the Society. By appropriate services it was rendered a Meeting of Dedication.

A new experience was about to open before us. No one could positively predict how the many alterations which had been made in reconstructing this edifice would prove upon trial. It is a great satisfaction to find, at the end of a twelve-month, that all we had hoped has been more than realized. Our accommodations were never so ample, nor our surroundings so attractive to the eye. The various collections of the Society have never before elicited so much attention, nor the rooms been so generally frequented. The progress and prosperity of the Society in all its departments has been undoubted. Its meetings have been largely attended. Interesting communications have been read, and valuable papers published. Our historical and antiquarian treasures have been augmented; and the privileges connected with the Society have, in no particular, lessened. The Standing Committee, therefore, at the close of their official year, in presenting this their Annual Report, feel that there are abundant reasons for congratulation, and every incentive to renewed effort.

#### LIBRARY.

It is gratifying to know that the Library, to which our thoughts naturally turn first of all, is in a better condition than

at any previous period. The larger space granted it, under the present accommodations, has allowed a more perfect arrangement and classification. The shelf-room so long desired has at length been gained, and has been improved to the best advantage. As one result, the Library has never been so extensively used for reference and study, while the number of volumes contributed have been threefold above the number received during any former year.

At the time of our last Annual Report, the Library consisted of about 21,000 volumes. Since then 1,269 have been received, making in all 22,389. During the same time 3,747 pamphlets, 1,429 newspapers, 88 maps, and 73 volumes of manuscripts have been received; 58 volumes of the Society's publications have been exchanged; while over 1,000 books and 2,000 pamphlets have been received as gifts.

In addition to the bequest of \$5,000 left us by Mr. Savage for the increase of the Library, 100 volumes were to be selected from his own collection, which has been done by a committee appointed for that purpose, to which 79 volumes more were added by the family. Mr. Francis E. Parker has generously presented the Society with over 100 volumes, principally classical. Mr. A. A. Lawrence, whose liberality has been constant, has bestowed 57 volumes; Dr. Shurtleff, 196 volumes; Miss Dix, 98 volumes; and the Hon. Charles Francis Adams, 39 volumes, connected chiefly with the Alabama Claims and that Arbitration in which he took so important a part.

The room devoted to pamphlets contains some 40,000, all of which, during the year, have been overhauled, and thoroughly arranged and classified,—a work of much labor, for which, however, the result is an adequate compensation.

#### CABINET.

The collection of antiquities has outgrown its present accommodation. Those valuable historical relics, to which important accessions have been made during the past year, when re-arranged and newly assorted, will form a source of great attraction. We have now ample treasures for double the space at present occupied. Many objects of great interest have been absolutely hidden from view. The collection of coins has been largely enriched, and many other gifts would doubtless come to us, if a more fitting place for their reception were provided. We look forward to the coming year, confident that important changes for the better will take place in this department.

With gratitude to the Cabinet-keeper for all he has done with the scanty means placed at his disposal, we can only hope for

a larger and better display of what we possess by offering such facilities as shall make improvement possible.

#### GALLERY OF ART.

The additional story which has been added to this building has given opportunity for the more adequate arrangement of portraits and works of art belonging to the Society.

A committee chosen for this purpose has superintended the re-arrangement, which has been done with excellent judgment and taste, all the pictures which required it having been repaired and varnished.

#### MEMBERS.

During the year three Resident Members have been elected, — the Hon. B. R. Curtis, the Hon. Charles Sumner, and Dr. C. W. Eliot, President of Harvard University.

Two Resident Members have been removed by death, — the Hon. William Minot and the Hon. Charles Sumner.

Of the former, a Memoir has been prepared by the President, the Hon. R. C. Winthrop; while the startling intelligence of the sudden death of our distinguished Senator having been announced by the presiding officer, Mr. Winthrop, with appropriate remarks, a Resolution was offered by the Hon. Charles Francis Adams, followed by tributes of profound respect and affection from various members.

During the year four Corresponding Members have been elected, — Prof. William Gammell, of Providence, R. I.; the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hill, now of Portland, Me.; Dr. Josiah G. Holland, of New York; and Judge Manning F. Force, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Four Corresponding Members have been taken away by death, — John Romeyn Brodhead, of New York; the Hon. Henry Black; Robert Bigsby, of Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, England; and John G. Nichols, of London.

Edward A. Freeman has been elected an Honorary Member; while the Rt. Rev. Bishop Wilberforce, the Hon. Millard Fillmore, and Don José da Costa de Macedo, of Lisbon, Portugal, have been removed by death.

Thus eight have been elected, and nine removed by death. Among those thus taken from us are men we shall deeply miss; men, who from their high positions, great acquirements, and lives crowded with memorable deeds, can never be forgotten.

## DR. JACOB BIGELOW.

While we have paused to pay at least a silent tribute to members who have been called hence by death, may we not allude to one who, disabled by the infirmities of advancing years, yet retains the full use of his vigorous intellect; and though, like Milton, deprived of the sweet privilege of sight, and "knowledge at one entrance quite shut out," without one murmur, cheerfully meets his lot, gladly recalling the bright scenes he once loved to behold, and finding ample resources in the rich treasures of knowledge accumulated through former years?

Long may our honored associate, Dr. Jacob Bigelow, remain among our most valued living members; while his unabated intellectual power and unclouded cheerfulness, united to a deep-rooted Christian faith, make the continuance of life to him the beginning of that blessedness which hereafter shall have no end.

## PUBLICATIONS.

During the past year a volume of Proceedings has been published, added to which serial numbers, giving an account of our meetings, have been printed for the use of members, which will form a portion of a new volume. Great responsibility rests upon the Publishing Committee in preparing these volumes, and we owe much to those who have so faithfully performed this duty.

## MEMOIRS.

During the year three Memoirs have been prepared: one of Charles Folsom, by Professor Parsons; one of the Hon. William Minot, by the President; and one of the Rev. John S. Barry, by Mr. C. C. Smith.

A detailed notice was also written of Mr. John G. Nichols, of London, by Mr. Whitmore.

Among the important publications of the present year, we would not neglect to mention the Life of Colonel Timothy Pickering, by the Hon. Charles W. Upham, of Salem, — a work of uncommon ability and destined to be of permanent value.

In this connection we may mention one of the great acquisitions of the past year, — the extensive and invaluable manuscript papers from the Pickering family.

Official documents and autograph letters which had accumulated during his whole lifetime, and illustrating some of the

most eventful periods in the history of the country, — these, arranged in sixty-eight volumes, and carefully deposited in five separate boxes, are now under the care of this Society.

Among other productions prepared by members of the Society, though not published by the Society, may be named an interesting volume upon the Life and Paintings of John Singleton Copley, by our associate, Augustus Thorndike Perkins; also a Memoir of Jeremiah Mason, a superb volume of between four and five hundred pages, prepared with admirable taste and judgment by the Hon. George S. Hillard, whose health we heartily wish were such that he might have been present with us this day.

This Memoir, though privately printed (a beautiful tribute of filial affection), is truly to be counted as a work of great *public* value, bringing together, as it does, the correspondence of one whose intellectual pre-eminence was universally acknowledged, and who was beyond doubt one of the most marked men of his time.

Mr. Motley, whose “Rise of the Dutch Republic” and “History of the United Netherlands” have reflected such honor upon the historical literature of our country, has completed another volume, soon to be republished here.

And a new volume containing the History of the United States, by Mr. Bancroft, is now in the press.

Thus, if the Society itself has not the credit of giving to the world these several works, it is a satisfaction to feel that individual members by their activity atone in some measure for the unproductiveness of others, thus keeping, it may be, among the whole an harmonious equilibrium.

#### FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the Society will be presented by the Treasurer, whose account submitted in print at this meeting will enable every member to form an accurate estimate of the expenditures and receipts. It is a satisfaction to know that, while the necessary expenses connected with the alterations of this building were nearly \$65,000, we have thereby acquired not only the more ample accommodations which we now enjoy, but by the income received from the city we shall not only be free from embarrassment, but enabled, with care, gradually to liquidate the whole debt. Grateful for the resources we possess, there is still ample need for all the means we can obtain; and wise use could be made of whatever funds should be placed at our disposal. The Appleton Fund, the Massachusetts Historical Trust Fund, the Dowse and the Peabody

Fund, are all safely invested, and the incomes are appropriated in accordance with the purposes designated by the founders. Great good is constantly being accomplished by these benefactions, while the generosity of the donors is thus kept ever fresh, and they themselves are held in perpetual remembrance.

The income from the annual assessments and admission fees of members is too limited to enable the Society to accomplish all it could desire; and, to help the Society to the more speedy fulfilment of its plans, various members have voluntarily promised to pay annually the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) in lieu of their regular subscriptions, for 1874, 1875, and 1876.

This sum (already subscribed, and the first instalment promptly paid) will enable the Society, without delay, to continue the regular publication of its volumes of Collections.

#### THE HUTCHINSON PAPERS.

The long controverted question as to the final disposition of the Hutchinson Papers has during the past year been amicably arranged.

An Arbitrator was mutually agreed upon, to whom the archives and records of the Society were thrown freely open for the most thorough examination. After the fullest research had been made, an official award was duly rendered, by which historical manuscripts placed under the care of this Society, half a century ago, by Alden Bradford, with an acknowledged recognition of this fact by those in authority at that time, have now been restored to the custody of the Commonwealth, to whom henceforth, by this decision, all responsibility respecting them has been transferred.

#### MEETINGS.

In addition to the regular monthly meetings, there have been two special meetings of peculiar interest: one at the residence of William Amory, Esq.; and one at the house of Mr. Waterston, on the 16th of December, in commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Destruction of the Tea in Boston Harbor. A detailed account of this meeting has been prepared, including a valuable paper by Richard Frothingham, which will be distributed among the members this day.

#### NEW CODE OF BY-LAWS.

Before closing this Report, it is proper to make mention of the new draft of By-laws adopted by the Society.



Of these there has been a thorough revision. Every section was deliberately considered, after which various amendments were adopted; and the whole, as revised, was reported by the Standing Committee, and after full consideration was duly accepted as the New Code of the Society.

Among other changes, the body hitherto known as the Standing Committee is henceforth to be called the Council, and to include all the Elective Officers of the Society.

The community doubtless looks with large expectations upon a body of men like those enrolled as members of this Society. Valuable material has been intrusted to their care. Unpublished manuscripts, relating to important historical periods, are before us, awaiting publication.

Grateful for the privileges we enjoy, let no one shrink from the responsibilities laid upon him; and may all the future experiences of the Society be in harmony with the brilliancy and nobleness of its past history.

Respectfully submitted.

R. C. WATERSTON,  
*Chairman for the Committee*

#### *Report of the Librarian.*

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Society, the Librarian has the honor to submit his Annual Report.

During the past year the addition of books to the Library has been larger than ever before for the same period since the Dowse collection was given to the Society, and the additions have been for the most part works of a valuable character. They may be classified as follows:—

Books . . . . .	1,269
Pamphlets . . . . .	3,747
Bound volumes of newspapers . . . . .	53
Unbound volumes of newspapers . . . . .	5
Maps . . . . .	88
Plan . . . . .	1
Broad sides . . . . .	51
Volumes of manuscripts . . . . .	73
Manuscripts . . . . .	17
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	5,304

Of the books added, 1,078 have been given, 178 have been procured by exchange, and 13 bought. Of the pamphlets added, 2,069 have been gifts, and 1,678 exchanges. Of the Society's

publications, 58 volumes have been exchanged for other works, and 12 volumes have been received back by exchange. The manuscripts known as the "Hutchinson Papers," comprising three folio volumes, have been returned to the State Archives, in accordance with the decision of an arbitrator.

From an actual count made in 1867, there were then 18,011 volumes in the Library. Starting with this number as a basis, and adding the accessions since that time, it appears that there are now 22,522 volumes, including the files of bound newspapers and the bound manuscripts. The number of pamphlets in the Library exceeds 40,000.

During the year there have been taken out 96 volumes and pamphlets, and all have been returned. It should be borne in mind, however, that the Library is used more for reference than for circulation; otherwise the statement of this fact might give a wrong impression of its use.

The late Mr. Savage, who was the Librarian sixty years ago, left by legacy to the Society the sum of \$5,000, the interest of which is to be used for buying books for the Library. He also bequeathed to it 100 volumes, among which was the copy of his great work, the "Genealogical Dictionary," containing all his corrections and additions in his own handwriting. His daughter has also given 79 volumes and 267 pamphlets.

The Honorable Charles Francis Adams has presented to the Library 39 volumes, handsomely bound, relating to the Alabama Claims, which were used by him at the Arbitration in Geneva. Dr. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff and Mr. Francis E. Parker have also made valuable accessions to the Library. Mr. Amos A. Lawrence has continued his gifts, having added during the year 57 volumes and 6 pamphlets, all relating to the Great Rebellion. The manuscripts of Colonel Timothy Pickering have lately come into the possession of the Society, given by his grandson, Mr. Henry Pickering. They comprise 68 volumes, and cover a period of seventy years, extending from 1759 to 1829. They furnish the groundwork of the "Life of Timothy Pickering," which was begun by his son, the late Octavius Pickering, and ended by our associate, Mr. Upham. They constitute an accession of great interest and value. Mr. H. F. Walling has given 87 maps of New England towns and counties, making an important addition to the collection of the Library.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL A. GREEN, *Librarian.*

APRIL 9, 1874.

*Annual Report of the Treasurer.*

The Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society submits the Annual Report for the year closing April 6, 1874:—

Cash on hand, April, 1873 . . . . .	\$339.86
„ received to April, 1874 . . . . .	54,164.19
„ due the Treasurer . . . . .	43.02
	<u>\$54,547.07</u>

Cash paid during the financial year . . . . .	\$54,547.07
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## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

## DEBITS.

Balance of the account of 1873 . . . . .	\$1,075.23
George Arnold, salary and allowance . . . . .	1,199.97
S. B. Sterne, salary . . . . .	462.01
William Hamilton, tending boiler . . . . .	211.63
Incidental expenses . . . . .	475.09
Coal . . . . .	187.00
Printing . . . . .	181.19
Rent of office . . . . .	182.00
Interest on loan of \$60,000 . . . . .	5,532.14
„ to Merchants' Bank . . . . .	164.80
Insurance on building . . . . .	375.00
Assessments on mutual insurance companies . . . . .	1,144.63
Balance to the contractors and architect for rebuilding . . . . .	13,263.39
Cleaning pictures, and hanging . . . . .	486.53
Moving . . . . .	500.00
Fresco-work, carpets, and furniture . . . . .	1,387.57
Peabody Fund.—Reinvestment of capital in Boston & Albany bonds . . . . .	21,630.00
Reinvestment in Suffolk Savings Bank . . . . .	493.00
Accrued interest on bonds . . . . .	12.25
For printing "Proceedings" . . . . .	1,302.72
Appleton Fund.—Binding . . . . .	32.90
Savage Fund.—Investment in bond of Phil. & W. R.R. \$5,000, 90 per cent. . . . .	4,500.00
Investment in 10 shares Phil. & Wilmington Road . . . . .	523.25
For books . . . . .	300.00
To the credit of the Appleton Fund . . . . .	732.18
Massachusetts Historical Trust-Fund . . . . .	340.32
Dowse Fund . . . . .	600.00
Peabody Fund Income . . . . .	1,043.38
Savage Fund Income . . . . .	320.00
	<u>\$58,658.18</u>

## CREDITS.

City of Boston, rent of building . . . . .	\$11,250.00
Balance of loan of trustees of estate of Eben Francis . . . . .	11,500.00
Peabody Fund.—Proceeds of sales of \$20,000 U. S. 10-40 . . . . .	22,123.00
„ Income. Interest on bonds . . . . .	1,043.38
Bequest of James Savage . . . . .	5,000.00
Savage Fund.—Income for the year . . . . .	320.00
Amount carried forward . . . . .	<u>\$52,336.38</u>

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$52,336.38
Sales of the Society's publications . . . . .	758.79
Annual assessments and subscriptions . . . . .	1,816.00
Admissions . . . . .	40.00
Coupons of Quincy & Palmyra bond of \$1,000 . . . . .	80.00
"    " Han. & St. Joseph "    "    1,000 . . . . .	80.00
Return premiums of Insurance Co., &c. . . . .	69.55
George Arnold, balance of his note . . . . .	83.47
To the debit of the Dowse Fund, care of the Library . . . . .	600.00
Appleton Fund, expenditure . . . . .	32.90
Peabody Fund, expenditure . . . . .	1,302.72
Peabody Fund, accrued interest . . . . .	12.25
Savage Fund, expenditure . . . . .	300.00
Balance to new account . . . . .	2,246.12
	<u>\$58,658.18</u>

## THE APPLETON FUND.

This fund consisted of ten thousand dollars, presented to the Society, Nov. 18, 1854, by the executors of the will of the late Samuel Appleton, on the condition that its income be applied to the purchase, preservation, and publication of historical material. It was received from the executors in ten shares of manufacturing stocks. These stocks were sold in February and March, 1863; and the net proceeds, amounting to twelve thousand two hundred and three dollars, were invested in the real estate of the Society, according to the Declaration of Trust recorded in the Register of Deeds office, book 827, p. 63. On the 14th of March, 1872, the Society, by a vote, authorized the Treasurer to sign, and cause to be recorded, an instrument relinquishing the said Declaration. This instrument was signed April 13, 1872, and is recorded with Suffolk Deeds (Lib. 1,102, fol. 89). A new Declaration of Trust was then made, which is on file, giving similar security to the investment. Volumes three to ten inclusive of the Fourth Series of the Society's "Collections," and the first volume of the Fifth Series, were printed from the income of this fund, and the strictly historical portions of the volumes of the "Proceedings" of the Society for 1862-63 and for 1864-65.

*Account ending April, 1874.*

## DEBIT.

Balance advanced to the fund . . . . .	\$2,777.10
J. Y. Crowell, binding . . . . .	32.90
	<u>\$2,810.00</u>

## CREDIT.

One year's interest of the investment . . . . .	\$732.18
Balance to new account . . . . .	\$2,077.82
	<u>\$2,810.00</u>

## MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL TRUST-FUND.

This fund was originally two thousand dollars, presented to the Society by Hon. David Sears, by an instrument dated Oct. 15, 1855, and accepted Nov. 8, 1855. This provides that the income is to be added to the principal annually between July and January, to form a new investment; but, in any year before such investment, the Society may by vote expend the income for such purposes as may be required; or it may, by vote, expend the accumulation of the income, in whole or in part, towards the purchase or improvement of the premises belonging to the Society, "or in the purchase of works of art or desirable objects:" provided that in no case whatever "the original trust-sum be encroached upon or diminished."

The original sum of two thousand dollars was invested in the Society's building. The principal was increased on the 26th of December, 1866, by a subscription by David Sears and Nathaniel Thayer, of five hundred dollars each, according to the terms of the original instrument, which has not been invested. This, with the two thousand dollars, stands on the ledger as an obligation of the Society, making the principal three thousand dollars.

Pursuant to a vote of the Society, five hundred dollars was paid July 5, 1869, from the accumulation, towards paying off the debt incurred by the purchase of the estate owned by the Society. No other expenditure has been made from the accumulation.

*Account ending September 1, 1873.*

## DEBIT.

Balance to new account . . . . .	\$3,012.44
	<u>\$3,012.44</u>

## CREDIT.

Balance of old account . . . . .	\$2,672.12
Interest one year on \$2,672.12, accumulated income . . .	160.32
Interest one year on \$3,000 of principal . . . . .	180.00
	<u>\$3,012.44</u>

According to the terms of the trust, the whole of the accumulated income may be appropriated, by a vote of the Society, "to the improvement of the premises belonging to the Society."

## THE PEABODY FUND.

This fund was presented to the Society by George Peabody, in a letter dated Jan. 1, 1867, enclosing an order for \$20,000

in 10-40 Coupon Bonds, and providing that they, or their proceeds, shall be held by the Society as a "permanent trust-fund, of which the income shall be appropriated to the publication and illustration of their 'Proceedings' and 'Memoirs,' and the preservation of their Historical Portraits." This trust was accepted by a vote of the Society, Jan. 10, 1867. The Five-per-cent Bonds were sold Feb. 4, 1874, the interest due March 1 being reserved. The interest to Feb. 1 was passed to income account. The net proceeds amounted to \$22,123. This has been invested in Seven-per-cent registered Bonds of the Boston & Albany Railroad, at three per cent premium, making \$21,630, and a deposit of \$493 in the Suffolk Savings Bank.

The "Proceedings" for 1866-67, 1867-68, 1869-70, 1871-73 were paid for out of the income of this fund. Another volume is passing through the press.

*Account to April, 1874.*

DEBITS.

W. H. Forbes, printing . . . . .	\$25.00
John Wilson & Son, printing . . . . .	422.61
" " " " . . . . .	504.44
" " " " . . . . .	165.17
F. Hedge, Jr., index . . . . .	65.00
J. Y. Crowell, binding . . . . .	120.50
Accrued interest on bonds . . . . .	12.25
Balance to new account . . . . .	1,248.48
	<u>\$2,563.45</u>

CREDITS.

Balance of old amount . . . . .	\$1,520.07
Interest on United States bonds to September . . . . .	576.25
" " " " February . . . . .	467.13
	<u>\$2,563.45</u>

THE DOWSE FUND.

This fund of ten thousand dollars was presented to the Society, April, 1857, by the executors of the will of the late Thomas Dowse, and it was invested in a note signed by Edward Hyde and O. W. Watris, secured by mortgage on real estate. This note was paid on the 17th of April, 1863: the whole fund was then invested in the real estate of the Society, and it stands on the ledger as an obligation of the Society. The income of this fund is included in the rent received from the city of Boston, and the expenditure is included in salaries paid to Mr. Arnold and the assistant, who are employed in the care of the Dowse Library. The account on the ledger the last year is as follows:—

*Account to April, 1874.*

## DEBITS.

Service of the Librarian and care of the room . . . . .	\$600.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>

## CREDITS.

By one year's interest on \$10,000 . . . . .	\$600.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>

## SAVAGE FUND.

The late President, James Savage, bequeathed to the Society five thousand dollars, the income of which is to be expended "for the increase of the said Society's Library." This was received in June, 1873, and invested in \$5,000 bonds of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad, bearing interest at six per cent per annum at 90, — \$4,500; and ten shares in this company, costing \$523.25. The income account the past year is as follows: —

## DEBITS.

Paid Little, Brown, & Co., for Notes and Queries . . . . .	\$150.00
" " " " Somers Tracts . . . . .	150.00
Balance to new account . . . . .	20.00
	<u>\$320.00</u>

## CREDITS.

By interest on \$5,000 bonds of Philadelphia R.R. . . . .	\$300.00
Dividend on 10 shares of . . . . .	20.00
	<u>\$320.00</u>

## BALANCES.

The balances on the ledger are as follows: —

## DEBITS.

Advanced to the Appleton Fund . . . . .	\$2,077.82
The general account . . . . .	2,246.12
	<u>\$4,323.94</u>

## CREDITS.

To the credit of the Historical Trust Fund . . . . .	\$3,012.44
" " " Peabody Fund . . . . .	1,248.48
" " " Savage Fund . . . . .	20.00
Due the Treasurer . . . . .	43.02
	<u>\$4,323.94</u>

The bills on account of the rebuilding and furnishing the

Society's building have been paid. The total expenditure for this purpose is as follows:—

Paid the contractors for the carpenter's and mason's work	\$55,853.04
For the heating apparatus . . . . .	2,503.00
Fees to Rider & Harris, the architects . . . . .	2,907.25
Fresco and other work . . . . .	293.40
Entrance door and guard . . . . .	223.50
	<u>\$61,780.19</u>

The expenditures connected with the rebuilding were as follows:—

Furniture, including carpets . . . . .	\$496.95
Cleaning and hanging pictures . . . . .	583.91
Moving, packing, and storage . . . . .	1,288.56
Rent of room . . . . .	560.00
Heating, cleaning, &c. . . . .	324.44
	<u>\$3,253.86</u>
	<u>61,780.19</u>
	<u>\$65,034.05</u>

The undersigned, the committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account for the year ending April 7, 1874, have compared the vouchers with the entries, and find them correct, and the balances in the ledger as follows:—

DEBITS.	
Appleton Fund . . . . .	\$2,077.82
General account . . . . .	2,246.12
	<u>\$4,323.94</u>

CREDITS.	
Massachusetts Historical Trust-Fund . . . . .	\$3,012.44
Peabody Fund . . . . .	1,248.48
Savage Fund . . . . .	20.00
Cash due the Treasurer . . . . .	43.02
	<u>\$4,323.94</u>

They also find in the hands of the Treasurer the property of the Society as follows:—

One bond, Quincy & Palmyra R.R. . . . .	\$1,000.00
" " Hannibal & St. Joseph R.R. . . . .	1,000.00
Ten shares of Philadelphia, Wilmington, & Baltimore R.R. . . . .	523.25
Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank . . . . .	493.00
Twenty-one thousand dollars in bonds of Boston & Albany R.R. . . . .	21,630.00
Five thousand dollars in Philadelphia, Wilmington, & Baltimore R.R. . . . .	4,500.00
	<u>\$29,146.25</u>

ROBERT M. MASON, }  
W. AMORY, } Committee.



The property of the Society is as follows :—

Real estate on Tremont Street.

Twenty-one thousand dollars in bonds of Boston & Albany R.R.

Five thousand dollars in bonds of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, & Baltimore R.R.

Ten shares in stock of ditto.

Deposit of \$493 in Suffolk Savings Bank.

Bond of the Hannibal & St. Joseph R.R. of one thousand dollars.

Bond of the Quincy & Palmyra R.R.

Five thousand volumes of the Society's Publications; viz., 41 of Collections, 10 of Proceedings, 2 of the Catalogue, and 1 of Lectures.

Library of 17,852 volumes and 40,000 pamphlets.

The Dowse Library, of 4,650 volumes.

The Cabinet, consisting of pictures, medals, and statuary.

The copyright of plates of the Life of John Q. Adams.

The income of the Society consists of an annual assessment on each resident member of ten dollars, the admission-fee of ten dollars, the rent of the building, the interest on the Peabody and Savage Funds, and on \$2,000 bonds.

The obligations of the Society are the annual interest to the Appleton Fund, to the Dowse Fund, and to the Massachusetts Historical Trust-Fund, and the interest on its mortgage note.

It owes the Merchants Bank \$1,800, borrowed on the Quincy and Palmyra, and Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad bonds, and \$2,500 on a note signed by the Treasurer and President.

The liberality of the members, in paying the subscriptions towards the publication of new volumes of the "Collections," has enabled me to meet the demands on the treasury.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, *Treasurer.*

Boston, April 8, 1874.

#### *Report of the Cabinet-keeper.*

The Cabinet-keeper reports that during the past year gifts to the Cabinet have been received from thirteen different persons, four of whom are members of the Society.

Among the most noteworthy articles received are profile likenesses of George Washington and of Colonel John Washington, the bequest of Joshua F. Fisher of Philadelphia; a bronze medallion of William Roscoe, sent with other gifts by Miss Dorothy L. Dix of Boston; a pen-and-ink profile likeness of George Washington, from Mr. A. H. Safford of Cambridge; a portrait of the late Hon. David Sears, by Pratt of Boston, from Mr. Winthrop; and relics of the Chicago fire, from Mr. Lawrence.

The Cabinet-keeper is indebted to Messrs. Perkins and Appleton, now of the committee on the Cabinet from the

Council of the Society, for valuable assistance, his own pressing business engagements having left him less time for the duties of his office than might advantageously be spent in their discharge.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY G. DENNY, *Cabinet-keeper*.

BOSTON, April 9, 1874.

Mr. SALTONSTALL, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted the following list of officers for the ensuing year, which was unanimously adopted:—

*President.*

HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, LL.D. . . . . BOSTON.

*Vice-Presidents.*

HON. CHARLES F. ADAMS, LL.D. . . . . BOSTON.

HON. EMORY WASHBURN, LL.D. . . . . CAMBRIDGE.

*Recording Secretary.*

CHARLES DEANE, LL.D. . . . . CAMBRIDGE.

*Corresponding Secretary.*

REV. CHANDLER ROBBINS, D.D. . . . . BOSTON.

*Treasurer.*

HON. RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, A.M. . . . . CHARLESTOWN.

*Librarian.*

SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D. . . . . BOSTON.

*Cabinet-keeper.*

WILLIAM S. APPLETON, A.M. . . . . BOSTON.

*Standing Committee.*

HON. NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, M.D. . . . . BOSTON.

AUGUSTUS T. PERKINS, LL.B. . . . . BOSTON.

ROBERT M. MASON, Esq. . . . . BOSTON.

FRANCIS W. PALFREY, LL.B. . . . . BOSTON.

EDMUND QUINCY, A.M. . . . . BOSTON.

The thanks of the Society were presented to Mr. Denny, the late Cabinet-keeper, who had declined a renomination, for his services in that office for the last six years.

Also the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Waterston and to Mr. Appleton, the retiring members of the Standing Committee, for their services on that Committee.

*Voted*, to give the Building Committee full power to introduce the new improvement for making the roof of the Society's Building more completely fire-proof, if in their judgment it was expedient.

The President notified the meeting that the Council had accepted an invitation to the Society to meet at his house on the evening of the 16th instant.

# MEMOIR

OF

## HON. WILLIAM BRIGHAM.

BY CHANDLER ROBBINS, D.D.

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WILLIAM BRIGHAM was born in Grafton, Mass., Sept. 6, 1806, at the old homestead, secured by his great-grandfather, Charles Brigham, one of the forty original grantees to whom the deed of conveyance of the town was given by the Indians, on the 19th of March, 1728. His father was Charles (born July 27, 1769, died Dec. 2, 1847); his mother, Susanna Baylis (died June 10, 1837).

He fitted for college partly at Leicester Academy, and partly at Westboro', where he taught in the village school. From the former place, twelve miles distant from his home, he was accustomed to walk every Saturday afternoon to spend the Sabbath with his parents.

He entered Harvard College in 1825, older and more fully grown than most of his classmates; with a strong constitution, and vigorous health, established by the excellent physical and moral habits of his youth. Diligent and faithful as a student, conscientiously obedient to the college laws, manly and irreproachable in character, he secured the respect and kindly regard both of the Faculty and the class.

Soon after having received his Bachelor's Degree in 1829, he came to Boston; and by a fortunate coincidence, as he always regarded it, while on his way from Grafton in the stage-coach met a lady, the wife of Hon. George Morey, then a lawyer of repute in Boston, who, on learning the object for which he was going to the city, kindly offered to introduce him to her husband. This circumstance led to his studying law in Mr. Morey's office, and had an important influence upon his future career. He was admitted to the bar in 1832.

He represented Boston in the General Court in 1834, 1835, and 1836, again in 1841, and still again in 1849, and was a member of the Massachusetts Senate in the Legislature of 1866. In the year 1836 he was appointed by Governor Everett to edit

the laws of Plymouth Colony, which office he discharged with his habitual fidelity and accuracy. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States, on motion of Mr. Webster, Dec. 28, 1847.

Mr. Brigham delivered Addresses on several occasions, among which was that at the Centennial Anniversary at Grafton, April 29, 1835, which was printed; one at Leicester Academy, August, 1850; an Address before the Worcester County Agricultural Society in 1835, and another before the Westboro' Agricultural Society in 1855. He also delivered a lecture before the Lowell Institute, Jan. 19, 1869, on "The Colony of New Plymouth, and its relations to Massachusetts," which was published, together with other lectures by members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on "The Early History of Massachusetts."

He was married, June 11, 1840, to Margaret Austin Brooks. His children are William Tufts, H.U. 1862, Charles Brooks, H.U. 1866, Edward Austin, Mary Brooks, and Arthur Austin. In 1848 he purchased the interest of his brothers and sisters in the Brigham Hill Homestead in Grafton, and for the rest of his life made that his summer residence. He died in Boston, July 9, 1869.

Mr. Brigham was an able lawyer, and had a large practice; but his devotion to his professional duties did not prevent him from taking an active interest in public affairs and in philanthropic enterprises. His cheerful and hopeful temper, his healthiness of mind, and the animation with which he worked, contributed in no small measure to his influence and success. He was a prudent and trusted counsellor, and a useful and upright man.